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Presidential Proclamation: April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

President Obama officially proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To view the official proclamation go to: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-proclamation-national-child-abuse-prevention-month>. The proclamation also provides a link to information on ways all Americans can participate in prevention activities: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/Preventing>

Child Abuse Prevention Resources

The Child Welfare Information Gateway has published a list of national organizations working with the Children's Bureau as partners in a national child abuse prevention initiative. All of these organizations participated in the development of *The Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide* -http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/res_guide_2010/, a publication of child abuse prevention resources. The complete list of participating organizations can be found at: http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl_dsp.cfm?rs_id=21&rate_chno=19-00044.

In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the sections below highlight a few of these prevention partner agencies and the services they provide.

National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families-Zero to Three

Zero to Three, a partner organization in the national child abuse prevention initiative, provides information for parents and professionals to promote the care of healthy infants and toddlers. The website has a number of new resources available, including a webinar providing the results of a national parent survey and information on initiatives specifically for military families. To view the website go to: <http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer>



The Cooperative Extension System

The Cooperative Extension System, another partner organization in the national child abuse prevention initiative, is an educational collaborative that provides research-based information on family and child development. The program has been particularly helpful in rural communities where there may be limited services. The Cooperative Extension System now has a new web-based interactive program which provides users with resources to promote healthy families. To access the interactive program go to: <http://www.extension.org/parenting>

Circle of Parents

Another partner project in the national child abuse prevention initiative, the Circle of Parents, is a national network of parent leaders with 26 statewide and regional organizations in 25 states. The network was formed as a result of a collaborative project between Prevent Child Abuse America and the National Family Support Roundtable. The Circle of Parents mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent led support groups for parents. To learn more about the network go to: http://www.circleofparents.org/about_us/index.html

Just Released-*Child Maltreatment 2008*

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has just released the annual report of data collected from State child protection agencies, *Child Maltreatment 2008*. According to the report, there is a continuing decline in the number of victims of child abuse and neglect as the victimization rate is the lowest in five years. In a press release announcing the new publication, Carmen Nazario, HHS Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, said "although we are encouraged by the decrease in child maltreatment, the results show that still too many children suffer from abuse and neglect and we have not yet experienced the full impact from the economic situation." To view the full press release and to download a copy of the report go to:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2010/child_maltreatment_2008.html

April ACTION for Child Protection Child Safety Article

This month's ACTION for Child Protection Safety article is entitled *Out of Control*. The article describes the concept of control as it applies to judging impending and present danger and as a way of examining caregiver protective capacities. The article provides actual case scenarios which serve as examples of the use of control as a safety intervention dynamic. To read the article go to:

http://www.actionchildprotection.org/documents/2010/pdf/April_Out_of_Control.pdf

Don't Forget to Register for the SLO Grantees Meeting

As you know the SLO Grantees' Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. May 17-19, 2010. Please register as soon as possible for the meeting so we can have an accurate count of those attending. The link for registration is:

<http://www.certain.com/system/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x88082268df>

An exciting agenda is planned for this year's SLO Meeting. You will hear from Dr. Linda Gilkerson on the implications of maternal depression for child abuse and neglect, from Dr. Wendy Lane on abusive head trauma, and from Tom Birch and Howard Davidson on CAPTA reauthorization and more. The Children's Bureau's Policy Division will provide an update on the Family Connections Legislation, Dr. Ying-Ying Yuan and her colleague will report on the latest results from NCANDS, and Laura Radel and Sarah Potter from ASPE will update us on implementation activities and ask for SLO input related to the Adam Walsh Act/National Registry and the Strategic Plan on Federal Youth Policy. In addition, along with networking and discussing with your fellow SLOs, you will have an opportunity to meet and hear from Bryan Samuels the new ACYF Commissioner and learn about current child and family Administrative priorities. If you have any questions about the SLO Meeting, contact kathy.simms@actionchildprotection.org. We hope to see you there!

Have a Question or a Comment?

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